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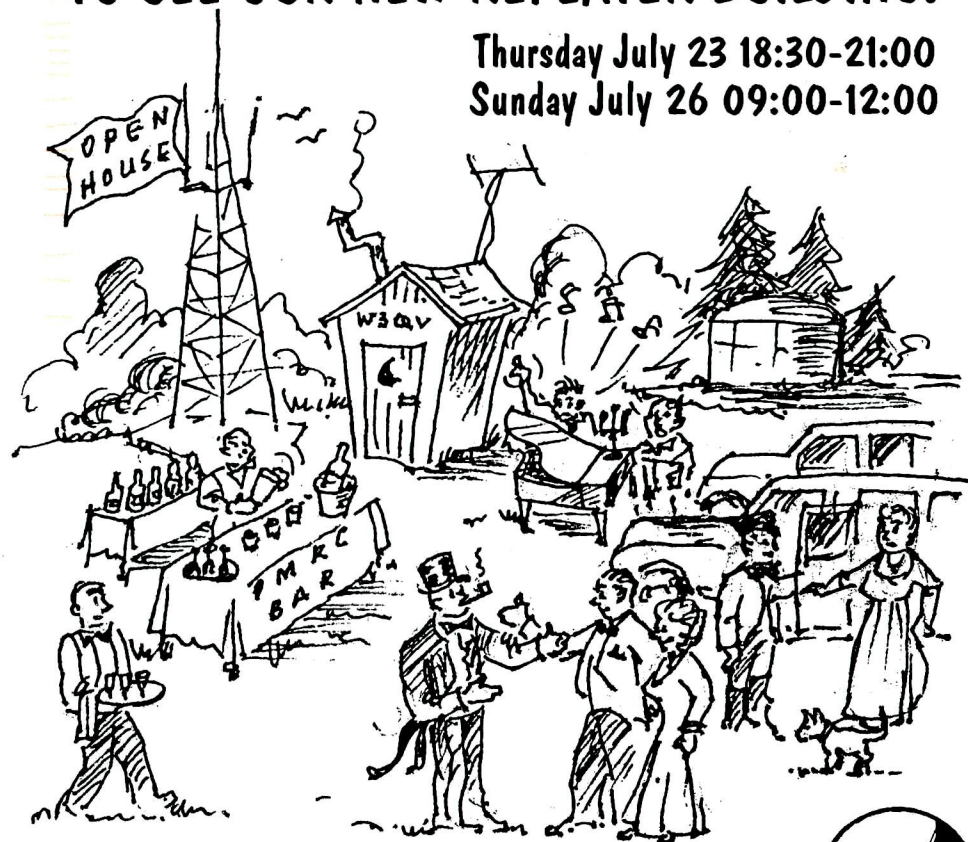
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JULY 1998

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN "OPEN HOUSE"
TO SEE OUR NEW REPEATER BUILDING.

Thursday July 23 18:30-21:00
Sunday July 26 09:00-12:00



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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but transmits 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz—Broomall 85.4 Hz

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I
The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3AA e-mail: w3aa@f1.edu

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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	*SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET*
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	*10-ON-10 NET*
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET—

(RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

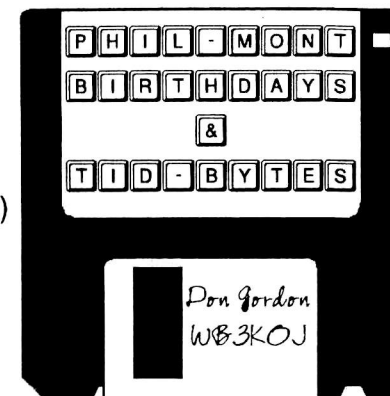
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*Indicates New Member 1997-98

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?
Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...
contact Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN, for details.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!



MEMBERSHIP STATS.

168 FULL
18 FAMILY
9 YOUTH (under 17 yrs)
3 HONORARY
1 PENDING
199

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Net Control stations should read the following announcements **before** asking if there are any more announcements for the net.*

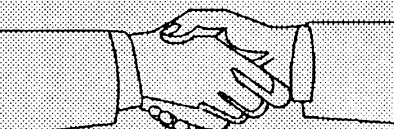
- On **July 1st**, the Directors' meeting will be held in Bucks County at the home of the Archives Lady and the Editor.
- Due to the July 4th festivities downtown, VE testing in July will be held on the second Thursday, July 9th, at 6:30 P.M. The 1998 ARRL VE test fee is \$6.35, but there is no charge for the novice test.
- There will be **No General Meetings** in July and August.
- Mark your calendars to attend the 2nd annual PMRC Picnic on **August 23rd** at the General Washington Golf and Swim Club in Audubon, PA. Reservation forms will be included with next month's *Blurb*, or may be downloaded from the club's Web site.
- Registration forms are also available on the club's Web site for the MS150 City to Shore Bike Tour, held on September 26 and 27.

GOODIES

FOR SALE—HOUSE CLEANING

DRAKE TWINS T4X, R4, AC4 with speaker	\$ 175
Yaesu G800SDX rotator list 495	275
POWER SUPPLY 8 AMPS 12 VDC adjustable	25
Operating table 30"X 42" oak	75
TS 130 Transceiver	295
ACCU Memory Keyer 12V 4 memories	95

Wally, W3UK 215-659-9504



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CALL:	KB3CPC
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NICKNAME:	Richard
CLASS:	Technician Plus
ADDRESS:	1822 Arthur Street Philadelphia, PA 19152-2604
OCCUPATION:	Retired
HOME PHONE:	215-745-0728
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E-MAIL:	rrwnehw@juno.com
PACKET:	
COMMITTEES:	None

The PREZ SEZ

Russ Stafford, W3CH



Hello all you PHIL-MONSTERS! Well, here it is July already. The year is more than half over, and the big day for Chris, N3WCO and me is fast approaching! There is just not enough time in the day.

Speaking of the big day, the whole club is invited to the wedding. Time and date are here in the *Blurb*. We would like to have everyone at the reception, but space will just not allow for that many. But we would like all the club members to know they are welcome to the Visitation B.V.M. Church in Trooper, Pennsylvania to see us start our new life together. Yes, that's right, two frequencies mixing to make one strong and steady signal. If needed I'm sure there will be talk-in on the repeaters. Gee there are eight hams just in the wedding party alone!

Now on to club stuff. Please take note, there is a form for the MS150 City to Shore Bike tour as an insert here in this issue. Or if you have ever helped on an MS event in the past, you should have received one directly by mail. Now is the time to fill them out. As of this writing we have over 50 hams signed up for the event. You may also download the form at: www.comcat.com/pmrc/150-form.txt. It's lots of fun for a whole weekend. But if you can only help out for a few hours on Saturday or Sunday, that will be just fine. We can use all the help we can get. This event needs at least 140 hams to be done

properly. Unlike some events, this one would not take place without the Hams throughout the Delaware Valley and at the Shore area. Just a reminder, we are a Special Service Club with the A.R.R.L. More on this from Charlie, AA3EP.

Our club picnic this year will be held on Sunday, August 23, at the General Washington Golf and Swim club. There is an announcement here in the *Blurb*, and you may download the form from our Web site: www.comcat.com/pmrc/picnic.txt. The Picnic was a lot of fun last year, and will be even bigger this year, so plan to make it if you can.

Investing our money wisely: Under the direction of our Treasurer Mike, K2BN we have invested some of our funds with Vanguard. This pays more interest, and keeps our fund growing. So far this year, with a hard working club, and a growing membership, our club is very solvent, and ready for just about anything that might come up. So this month's BIG THANK YOU! Goes to Mike, K2BN for all his hard work off the air.

The Action: Well the Roxborough guys did it again! Last year Bill, W3AOK won the HT, and this year Gene, N3XKE won the mobile radio. Thank you to all the folks who sold and bought tickets to our raffle this year. Now, what to raffle-off next year?

Well, as always, that's all that space will permit so I'll close until next month. 73 de Russ, W3CH ☺

UPCOMING

- July 1 Directors' Meeting at
W3IIM & N's
- July 2 VE rescheduled to 7/9.
- July 8 **NO!** General Meeting
- July 9 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
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- Aug 5 Directors' Meeting at  
W3BBB's
- Aug 6 License Examinations at  
The Franklin Institute
- Aug 12 **NO!** General Meeting

## HAMFESTS

- July 12 KIMBERTON, PA  
MARC's "Valley Forge Hamfest"
- July 26 TIMONIUM, MD  
BRATS
- Aug 23 MULICA HILL, NJ  
Gloucester Co. ARC
- Sep 13 GAITHERSBURG, MD  
Foundation for Amateur Radio
- Sep 19 MT. HOLLY, NJ  
South Jersey RA
- Sep 20 YORK, PA  
York, PA
- Sep 26 TRENTON, NJ  
Delaware Valley RA
- Oct 18 SELLERSVILLE  
RF Hill ARC

## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1998 test fee is \$6.35; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**  
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q  
215- 879-0505 day, 215- 448-1139 24-hours
- **BELLMAR, NJ**  
Diane Nafis  
609-227-6281
- **BRISTOL**  
George LeNoir  
215-943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)  
Russ Stafford, W3CH  
610-631-3401 x902
- **NORRISTOWN**  
Raymond Patton  
610-279-1897
- **TELFORD**  
Joseph Burgess  
215-723-6697
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**  
Jeff DePolo  
215- 898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383 home
- **WARMINSTER**  
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ  
(215) 343-3494
- **WILMINGTON**  
Giselle Walls  
302-478-2757

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP 610-323-1050  
aa3ep@aol.com  
Russ Stafford, russ@hdj.com

**Sept 26-27**  
MS150—City to Shore Bike Tour



Marjan (Butch) Miller  
KA3WVT  
May 29, 1998



# 158<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS JUNE

13 candidates took 21 elements  
3 new amateurs plus 1 upgrade

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Carol Hutkin, K2BL; Jeffrey Jankowiak, N3NAA; Jim McCloskey, KE3OP;  
Wally Newell, W3UK; Jeff Kerber, KE3UV; Bob Freer, W3YLT

AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD ON THE FIRST  
NON-HOLIDAY THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
Registration begins at 6:00 PM

Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

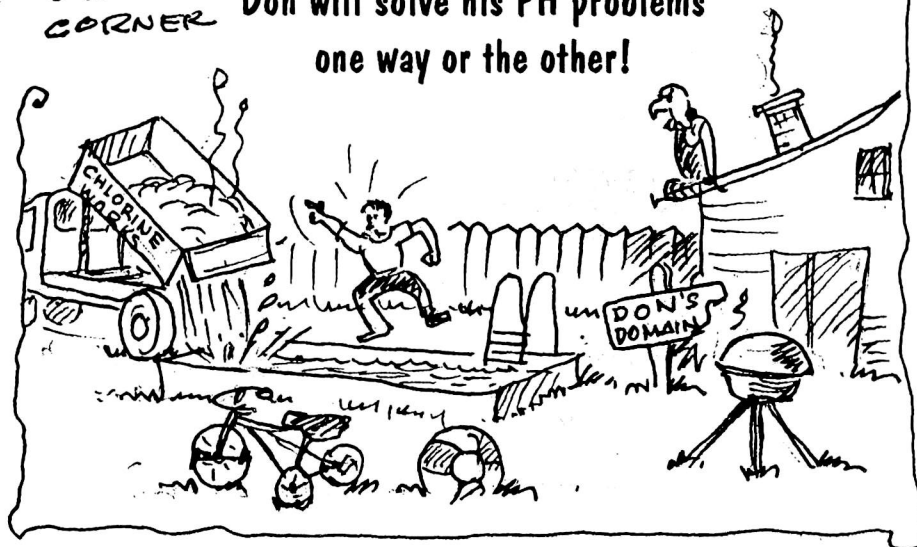
THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE  
SCIENCE MUSEUM

For Information Call ND3Q at  
(215) 448-1139 or 879-0505  
Accessible by the handicapped.



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CORNER

Don will solve his PH problems  
one way or the other!



*Christine Marie Vance*  
and  
*Russell Dean Stafford*  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage  
on Saturday, the eighteenth of July  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
Visitation of the B.V.M.  
Lower Church  
Trooper, Pennsylvania

# MINUTES

## JUNE DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The June Directors' Meeting was opened at 8:24 P.M. by Russ (W3CH). The following Officers and Directors were present: Russ (W3CH), Charlie (AA3EP), Carol (N3PVO), Mike (K2BN), Jim (W3BBB), and Steve (WU3I). The following committees reported.

**TREASURER** - Mike (K2BN) reported that the bottom line is that income is still exceeding expenses. There have been over \$3,700 in contingency fund receipts with more to come. Net improvement in our funds has been \$1,500. The net bottom line is we have a pretty hefty balance. We have not yet moved any funds into Vanguard. A discussion continued on the pros and cons of moving some of the money into a fund. In the end, a motion was made and approved to move \$3,000 into a fund.

**REPEATER** - Jim (W3BBB) announced an open house at the new repeater site on Thursday July 23rd from 6:30 P.M. til 9:00 P.M., and on Sunday July 26th from 9:00 A.M. til 12:00 P.M. All members are welcome. Also discussed was a circuit board that will be available soon, which takes the audio from a weather receiver, and re-

sponds to the code you have programmed into it for specific counties, which will allow the alert to be rebroadcast over the repeater. The approximate cost for the board will be \$150.

**PUBLIC SERVICE** - Charlie (AA3EP) said that the forms are available for those who plan to participate in the MS150. Send in your form early to reserve the spot you want. See the list of other upcoming events elsewhere in the *Blurb*.

**SUNSHINE** - Steve (WU3I) sadly reported that Butch Miller (KA3WVT) had passed away. Also, Bob Field (WA3INW) had been in the hospital.

**W3AA** - Discussions on the future of W3AA went round and round. Stay tuned for more.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Russ (W3CH) reported, with Jack (W3IIM) and Jinny (W3IIN) possibly bailing out for Florida sometime in the future, we should try to find a new home for the archives.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9:40 P.M. by Russ (W3CH). Thanks to Charlie (AA3EP) for hosting the meeting. ☺

### CLUB INFORMATION

24 Hour Information Number at W3AA  
(215) 448-1139

## CALLING AHEAD FOR SAFETY

Pennsylvania is blessed with a wonderful share of beautiful, diverse geography. In the winter, this geographic diversity can usher in some unexpected dangers in driving. Regardless of the season, being informed is an important part of safe driving.

Recently, PennDot announced a new Road Condition Hot Line, a call-ahead road advisory service. Now, users of Pennsylvania's portion of the nation's Interstate Highway System can call a toll-free number to find out the weather conditions on each of the Commonwealth's Interstate roads.

Calling 1-888-783-6783, people within Pennsylvania, as well as those in selected area codes in neighboring states, can find out the forecast and reported highway conditions for the Commonwealth's Interstate highways. When calling this special number, users will hear a general report. Callers with Touch Tone phones, when prompted by the automated system, need only tap the appropriate Interstate Highway number on the phone keypad. Current, and frequently updated information is provided.

The new hot-line number does not cover the Pennsylvania Turnpike, however. Users of the Pennsylvania Turnpike have had their own parallel road service number for several years. This service is obtained by calling 1-800-331-3414.

In announcing this 24-hour hot line, State Transportation Secretary Bradley Mallory urges the motoring public to call both before and during all trips on Interstate highways. Additionally, Mallory reminded cell phone users they can use the number while in the state, regardless of state of the cell phone's number.

PennDot's customers came up with the idea of one centralized number for route conditions. The state agency answered their requests.

*Marple Newtown ARC's The Dipole*

## DX Report

Joe Pearlstein, NU3Y

**3B9 - Rodriguez** It has been announced that a large multinational group will be mounting a major DXpedition from Rodriguez this Fall. Further details to follow.

**3D2 - Fiji** OM-YL team DL1SCQ and DL2SCQ will be on Mamanucas (OC121) in the Fiji Islands from August 29 to September 1 and then will move to the Yasawas (OC156) from September 4 - 7.

**7X - Algeria** 7X2RO is often found on 17 meters between 2040 and 2100 UTC.

**A5 - Bhutan** JH1AJT has permission and he is organizing a group for a major all band effort in early 1999.

**DU - Philippines** DU1/DL5ZAH is operating from Manila and will be there for the next 4 years. Klaus operates 80 through 10 neters, CW only. If you would like to arrange a sked, email him at:

d15zah@hotmail.com

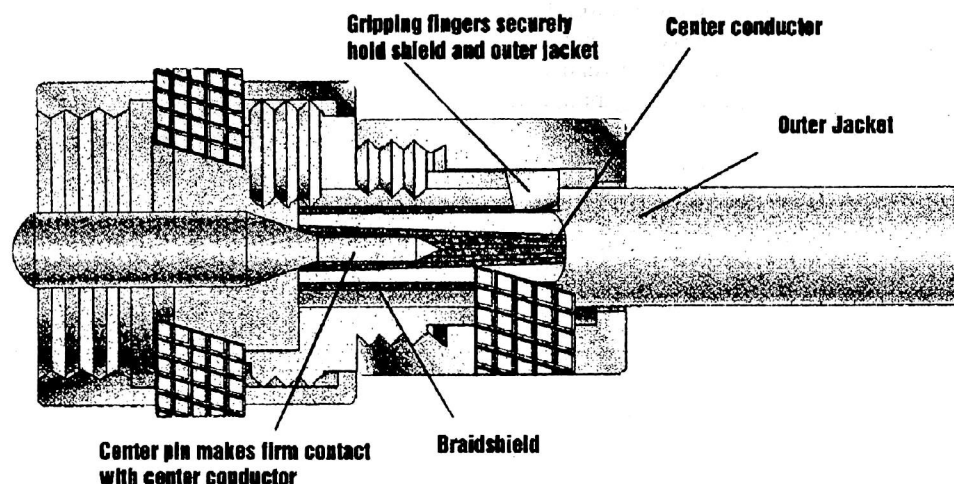
*Happy Hunting!*

### NEWSLETTERS EXCHANGED

Anne Arundel Radio Club (Maryland)  
Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society (BRATS)  
Cherryville Repeater Association (New Jersey)  
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC)  
Delmont Radio Club  
Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (Florida)  
Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club  
Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC)  
Penn Wireless Association  
R F Hill Amateur Radio Club  
Tampa Amateur Radio Club (Florida)  
Warminster Amateur Radio Club  
Worldradio Magazine

*Exchanges with additional parties are welcomed.*

## Shakespeare Centerpin PL-259 Connector



According to the company, Shakespeare's new Centerpin PL-259 Connector has excellent conductivity, and should have a long life in a salt-water environment. Installation is quick and easy: Flush-cut the coax with wire cutters, and place the end in the connector. Using pliers, squeeze the connector's gripping fingers (see diagram) into the coax. Finally, thread the cover over the fingers.

The connector sells for \$5.95 and is available at most marine electronic stores. For more information contact Shakespeare at 803-754-7000. ☎

*Power & Motoryacht*

## The Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked his father, "what is this father?" The father, never having seen an elevator, responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, and don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed, an old woman, limp-

ing slightly with a cane, slowly walked up to the moving walls and pressed the button. The walls opened and the lady walked between them and into a small room. The walls closed, and as the boy and his father watched, small circles of light with numbers above the wall lit up.

They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The walls opened up again, and a beautiful 24-year-old woman stepped out.

The father said to his son, "Go get your mother."

*International Handicap Net News via WP4MSX*

# THE W 3 A A REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

Summer is finally here, though the temperatures don't feel it, and that is good for the electric bills. The Franklin Institute has notified us that we are an "Exhibit" through 1998, but maybe not any longer after that. There are some changes in the wind for 1999, and we are not in their plans. We are hoping to change that but it does not look good. It is very important that the station be manned at all times during this period. There will be a meeting of the W3AA volunteers, by invitation, this summer on a Sunday. Please try to attend. The future of our station is at stake.

The September General Meeting will be a Town/Club Meeting on the course of our station and club for the future. Please try to attend.

As always if you are looking for something to do, your club station is the place to do it. From 70cm to 80m we have it covered. Satellite, ATV, SSTV, CW and Phone. Packet Racket and one of the best Packet BBSs in the area. While it's still there remember, W3AA is your station; come down and spend some time, and see why so many volunteer, and maybe you will want to also.

—Steve WU3I, Station Trustee



Kay Craigie, WT3P with Rollie Madara, W3PWG  
The Atlantic Division's Grand Ole Ham for 1998.

## MINUTES

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary

## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The 578th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was opened at 8:03 P.M. by Russ (W3CH). A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes. The following committees reported.

**TREASURER** - Mike (K2BN) reported that in the month of May we had \$93 in receipts, with \$82 in expenses. Year-to-date we have done better than last year by a long way. Total receipts through the end of May is a little less than \$4,100 as opposed to \$3,300 last year. We spent less money, leaving a positive cash flow of \$2,800.

**FIELD DAY** - Steve (WU3I) said everything is ready for Field Day when we will be running a 6A station.

**NET CONTROL** - Ed (KB3IV) thanked all of the Net Control operators for the good job they do, and a special thanks to Bill (WA3NSP) and Dick (W3RM) for the great job they do on the Code Practice Net which will be off the air for the summer.

**PROGRAM** - Charlie (AA3EP) reminded everyone that there will be no General meetings in July and August. September's meeting will be Town Meeting on the direction of Phil-Mont, and the future of W3AA.

**REPEATER** - Rick (N3DHI) reported "It's functional."

**SKYWARN** - Art (N3LCV) read a letter from the National Weather Service in Mt. Holly, thanking all of the Skywarn spotters who reported during the recent bad weather and tornados.

**PUBLIC SERVICE** - Charlie (AA3EP) reported on the upcoming events. See the list here in the *Blurb*. Get out there and help.

**SUNSHINE** - Steve (WU3I) reported on the passing of Butch (KA3WVT), also Bob (WA3INW) was hospitalized recently.

**VE TESTING** - Dusty (ND3Q) reported that since July 1985, tests were given to 2,200 applicants, producing well over 1,300 hams. Last week 13 applicants came to take tests, with a 52% passing rate.

**W3AA** - Steve (WU3I) reported on the need for operators to show up at the station on their scheduled day.

**WELCOME** - Stefanie (KE3ZY) welcomed 33 members and 2 visitors.

**SOCIAL EVENT** - Russ (W3CH) reported on the upcoming Phil-Mont annual picnic.

**RAFFLE** - The drawing for the Alinco dual band radio was held. The winner was Gene (N3XKE).

**NEW BUSINESS** - Kay Craigie (WT3P) the Atlantic Division Director of the ARRL, was called upon to replay the presentation of the Atlantic Division's Grand Ole Ham Award to Roland Madara (W3PWG).

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8:41 P.M. by Russ (W3CH) and turned-over to Charlie (AA3EP) who introduced Bob (W3YLT) and his program on MARS and SHARES. See you all at the September Meeting. ☺

the field than it is with today's mostly 12-volt equipment.

It was not until the second annual Field Day, in 1934, that Handy's Field Day write-up in QST raised the aspect of emergency preparedness. "Keep an operative portable at hand all the year, so it will be where you can put it to work promptly in the event of disaster or public emergency," Handy wrote more than six decades ago.

Even with all of the ultra-portable equipment available today, Handy's admonition stands, especially as we recall the service hams have provided in recent months in the aftermath of floods, tornadoes and other disasters. But in addition to being a preparation for public service, Field Day also is fun.

MARC's REMARCS

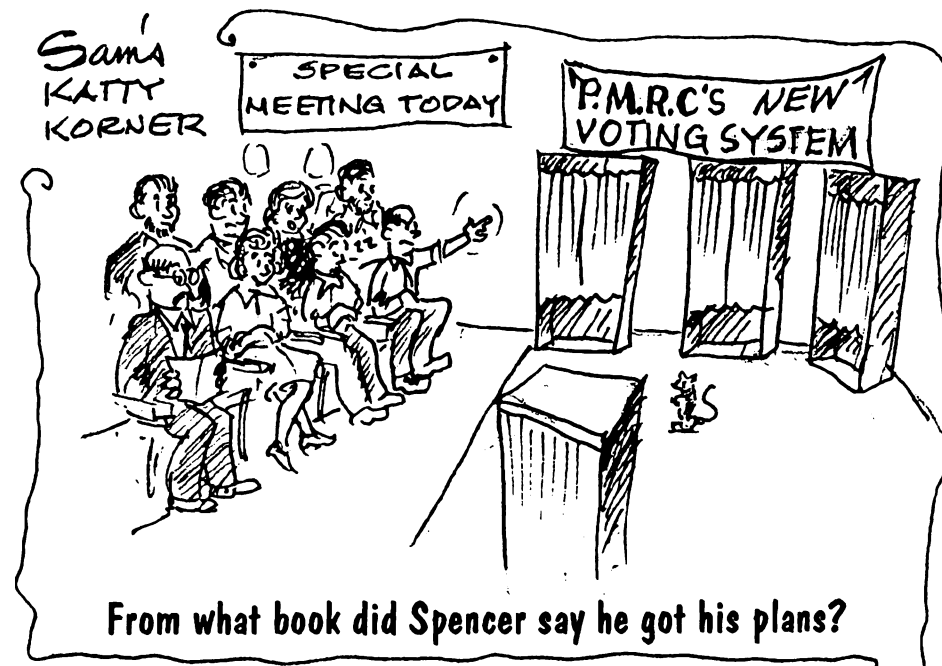
To: All SKYWARN spotters

I just wanted to say thanks for all the severe weather reports during the storms which affected the area last week. Many of the reports were utilized to issue warnings, and others were used to verify warnings already in place. ALL THESE REPORTS WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL STAFF MEMBERS HERE AT THE FORECAST OFFICE IN MOUNT HOLLY!

Gary Szatkowski and I toured the Lyons, PA (Berks county) area last Monday. The damage from this tornado (we declared it an F3 tornado) was the worst I've seen in my 17 years with the NWS. Fortunately no one was killed or seriously injured.

Thanks again folks for a job well done!

Joe Miketta, NWS Mount Holly, NJ



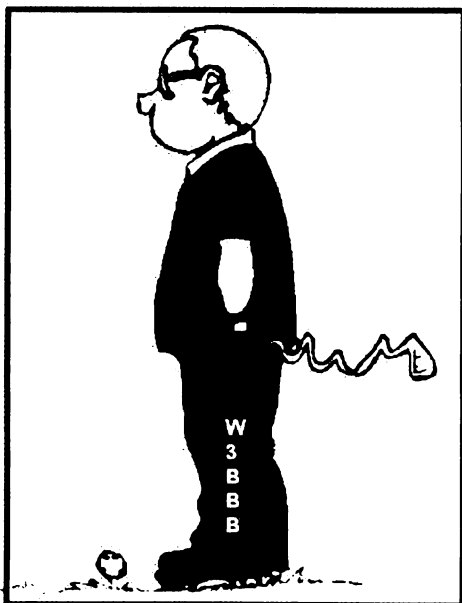


## SPECIAL PROSECUTOR MAY BE APPOINTED

Palm Beach, FL  
June 9, 1998

An unidentified, unimpeachable source, disclosed today that the PGA is considering the possible appointment of a Special Prosecutor to look into charges against Clinton R. Spencer, Jr., of Lansdale, PA.

Spencer, a long time member of the PGA, has been accused by other members of allegedly impersonating a golfer.



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## License Class Forming

A No-Code class will begin at 19:30 on Tuesday, September 17 at the Bedminster Elementary School, and will be held weekly until October 27, when the license examination will be offered.—Contact Norm, W3IZ at 215-795-0390

## DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT FIELD DAY?

THE ARRL LETTER explains that Field Day did not start out as the vaunted test of emergency preparedness it is considered today, nor was it on the fourth weekend in June. The first "International Field Day" on June 10 and 11, 1933, was "just a test of portable equipment" for US and Canadian amateurs, says former ARRL Communications Manager George Hart W1NJM, who's operated in 50 Field Day events over the years. Hart says then Communications Manager Ed Handy W1BDI came up with the idea (Sweepstakes was also his brainstorm). "He had a real active mind," Hart said.

Under the early Field Day rules, only portable stations "actually in the field, away from the 'home' address" were eligible to submit Field Day scores. At that time, ARRL sections counted as multipliers in scoring, and portable-to-portable contacts counted double.

According to the old Federal Radio Commission rules, you had to notify the FRC that you were going to be operating away from your normal location, too. Operating Field Day in the early years was further complicated by the fact that it was a lot harder to come up with a way to supply the necessary plate and filament voltages in

## Rochester Report

**W**OW!!! After a long drive, the Thruway Marriott looked great, especially the POOL. After checking-in Thursday, and locating the Hamfest site some 1.5 miles distant, a dip in the pool, and dinner fit the bill.

Friday brought a flea market about 1/4 the size of Dayton (for those who have been there), or twice the size of Kimberton in Chester Co. At noon the Stadium opened just before the rain shower came through, and the manufacturer reps showed-off some of the newer stuff and answered questions. Both Rollie and I bought a new radio—the Alinco DX-70TH.

Friday night we attended the ban-

quet where Rollie was presented the GRAND OLE HAM AWARD, and we had a free meal. Saturday brought even more flea marketeers now that the work week was over. There was no shortage of anything.

Saturday night we enjoyed a complimentary dinner in the hotel restaurant from the Atlantic Division. What a meal!!! Sunday morning after checkout and breakfast, we headed down the road for home with our new toys, and checked into the 75m net on the way, while skirting Syracuse. A good time had by all.

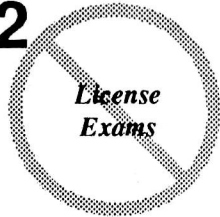
Steve, WU3I—Official Driver, GRAND OLE HAM 1998 Atlantic Division ARRL



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| SUNDAY                                                                                   | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         |           |                                                                                | <b>1</b><br>DIRECTORS' MEETING at W3IIM & N's                                               | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b> <br><i>Independence Day</i> |
| <b>5</b><br>2M NCS WB3KOJ<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS W3PWG                              | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>On Summer Vacation<br><i>Returns in September</i> | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> <br><b>159<sup>th</sup> LICENSE EXAM</b><br>Session at<br><b>The Franklin Institute</b><br>Registration begins at 6:00<br>Doors close at 6:30 p.m. <i>sharp!</i> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br><i>Blurb Deadline!</i>                                                                                     |
| <b>12</b><br>2M NCS KB3IV<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS W3STW<br><br><i>MARC Hamfest</i>   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                                      | <b>15</b>                                                                                   | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>                           |
| <b>19</b><br>2M NCS N3FTY<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS N3JDM                              | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                                      | <b>22</b>                                                                                   | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>26</b><br>2M NCS WA3NSP<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS KB3IV<br><br><i>BRATS Hamfest</i> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                                      | <b>29</b>                                                                                   | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>31</b> | Never underestimate<br>the power of stupid<br>people in large<br>groups.                                                |



## Tee Shirts

There is no charge for shirts for volunteers. But, if you would like your call letters in the super booster box on the back of all Ham event shirts, you must send in your call with a check, made payable to the MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour, no latter than August 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$10.00 per cell. Also, you may want to have your radio club logo on the back of the tee shirt for \$50.00 or your company logo \$100.00. Don't delay, mail today!

Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Call \_\_\_\_\_

Club logo Attached ☐

Company logo Attached ☐



**MS 150 BIKE TOUR**  
**CITY TO SHORE**  
**AMATURE RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**SEPT.26<sup>TH</sup>, & SEPT.27<sup>TH</sup> 1998**

**America Needs Volunteers**

print or type Only ONE Name per Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amaturer radio club \_\_\_\_\_

Are you under 18 years of age ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes parent or guardian signature required \_\_\_\_\_

Give your packet address if you have one \_\_\_\_\_

Give your E-Mail address if you have one \_\_\_\_\_

Check Location You Would Like

Check Point Along Route

☐ North End

☐ I Would like last years location. List on line below \_\_\_\_\_

☐ South End

☐ Rest/Lunch Stop (first come first served)

Support Vehicles

☐ Ambulance

☐ Repair Truck

☐ Shuttle Bus

☐ Staff Vehicle

☐ Sweep Vehicle

(you must have a 10 watt radio or better with a mag mount antenna)

Days you can help, Check One ☐ Day One ☐ Day Two ☐ Both Days

If you work both days, do you require a complimentary room in Ocean City?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Would you like to share a room with friends? Give their call signs or names \_\_\_\_\_

**Bands you can work Mobile**

☐ 144 ☐ 220 ☐ 151

**Bands You can Work HT**

☐ 144 ☐ 220 ☐ 151

How many years have you helped on the Bike Tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Give your shirt size ☐ Sm ☐ Med ☐ Lg ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL

**Please fill out A.S.A.P. and return on or before Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Mail to**

MS 150 Bike Tour  
Box 1041  
Linwood, PA 19061

**Packet**

**E-Mail**

**Fax**

W3PS@W3CH # SEPA.PA.USA.NOAM  
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